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UFAW's INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE SYMPOSIUM 2019 TO TAKE PLACE IN BRUGES, BELGIUM

Internationally respected scientists from across the globe presenting at event

UFAW's 2019 International Symposium *Advancing Animal Welfare Science – How do we get there? Who is it good for?* is to take place on the 3rd-4th July 2019 at Oud Sint-Jan, in the UNESCO world heritage city of Bruges, Belgium.

Advances in animal welfare science are needed to inform decisions on the care and legal protection provided for animals and this two day international symposium will provide an opportunity to discover new and exciting developments that are likely to extend our understanding of animals' needs.

The symposium will feature keynote presentations and include both talks and poster sessions. Acclaimed international keynote speakers from Sweden, the USA and the Netherlands have already confirmed and the meeting will be of interest to the growing international community concerned with animal welfare and to those working on biomedical research, food animal production, slaughter and companion animal rehabilitation, captive wild animals, conservation and policy makers.

Delegates to the symposium will learn about new and exciting innovations and methodologies in animal welfare research, as well as new approaches and technologies to improve animal welfare. In addition, the symposium will give them the opportunity to explore and test the extent of the idea that human and animal interests go hand in hand with improved welfare and investigate areas of animal use where there are particular challenges to improving animal welfare.

UFAW's Chief Executive Dr Robert Hubrecht said: *"By disseminating recent advances in animal welfare and by looking for opportunities to advance animal welfare in ways that bring economic and other benefits our aim for the symposium is to promote higher quality and better-focused animal welfare science which will ultimately benefit large numbers of animals."*

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Further details about this meeting, including the full programme of speakers, venue and how to register can be found on UFAW's website www.ufaw.org.uk/ufawbruges2019. To ensure attendance, early registration is encouraged as UFAW symposia are usually over-subscribed and places have been filling fast. Those who register before the 1st March will qualify for a reduced rate.

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Note to editors:

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare (UFAW) is an internationally recognised, independent scientific and educational animal welfare charity. It works to improve knowledge and understanding of animals' needs in order to achieve high standards of welfare for farm, companion, research, captive wild animals and those with which we interact in the wild.

UFAW improves animal welfare worldwide through its programme of awards, grants and scholarships; by educational initiatives, especially at university and college level; by providing information in books, videos, reports and in its scientific journal *Animal Welfare*; by providing expert advice to governments and others, including for legislation and 'best practice' guidelines and codes; and by working with animal keepers, scientists, vets, lawyers and all those who care about animals.

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